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SUMMARY: AT I.A. MEETING OCTOBER 8, DISCUSSION ON AIR TECH  
I.A. CONTINUED WITH REVIEW OF RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON ARTICLE  
8.5.B. LANDING AND PARKING FEE EXEMPTIONS. TURKISH CHAIRMAN  
CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR DELETION OF SENTENCE ON EXEMPTION, WHILE  
U.S. CHAIRMAN REITERATED REASONS BY USG COULD NOT ACCEPT  
DELETION. END SUMMARY.

1. TURKISH CHAIRMAN REPEATED ARGUMENT THAT TURKISH CIVIL  
AIRPORTS NOW OPERATED BY A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE, DHMI, WHICH  
DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM  
PARKING AND LANDING FEES. U.S. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT DHMI IN  
FACT IS AN AGENCY OF THE TURKISH MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND  
THAT PAYMENTS BY USG OF PARKING AND LANDING FEES WOULD THEREFORE  
BE PAYMENTS TO GOT. TURKISH CHAIRMAN CHARACTERIZED FEES AS

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RENTAL FOR SPACE USED ON RUNWAYS AND PARKING AREAS AND SAID THAT

DHMI OPERATED ON A REVOLVING FUND WITH RECEIPTS BEING RETAINED TO MEET EXPENSES. TURKISH CHAIRMAN ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH THAT TAX RELIEF AGREEMENT (TRA) DID NOT COVER EXEMPTION FROM PARKING AND LANDING FEES BECAUSE THESE WERE PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED. U.S. CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT THAT TEXT OF TRA QUITE CLEARLY WOULD NOT PERMIT SUCH AN INTERPRETATION.

2. U.S. CHAIRMAN ASKED IF TURKISH MILITARY AIRCRAFT PAY LANDING AND PARKING FEES AT TURKISH CIVIL AIRPORTS. TURKISH CHAIRMAN, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH TURKISH AIR FORCE (TAF) MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION, REPORTED THAT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET SYSTEM EXISTS ON PAPER WHICH PROVIDES FOR RECIPROCAL REIMBURSEMENT WHEN TAF AIRCRAFT USE CIVIL AIRPORTS AND THY (TURKISH AIRLINES) AIRCRAFT USE MILITARY AIRPORTS. TAF ALWAYS COMES OUT AHEAD ON THE ACCOUNTING AND NO PAYMENTS ARE ACTUALLY MADE. U.S. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THIS PRACTICE TENDED TO SUPPORT ARGUMENT THAT DHMI IS WHOLLY GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

3. TURKISH CHAIRMAN MENTIONED ARREARS OWED FOR PARKING AND LANDING FEES INCURRED DURING PAST DEEP FURROW NATO EXERCISES IN TURKEY, PARTICULARLY IN 1969. HE SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD INTERVENED WITH THE COMPETENT TURKISH AUTHORITIES TO DEFER THIS CLAIM UNTIL AGREEMENT REACHED ON PARKING AND LANDING FEE EXEMPTION ISSUE IN AIR TECH IA. U.S. CHAIRMAN ASKED IF TURKS EXPECTED U.S. TO PAY FOR ALL PAST LANDINGS IF LANDING AND PARKING FEE EXEMPTION WERE DELETED. TURKISH CHAIRMAN SAID THERE WAS SPECIFICALLY DEBT OF 86,000 TL (APPROXIMATELY \$6,143) OWED ON DEEP FURROW 1969. IF AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON THIS ISSUE IN IA, MINISTRY WOULD USE GOOD OFFICES TO HELP U.S. SETTLE THIS CLAIM.

4. TURKISH CHAIRMAN ENDED BY NOTING THAT WIDE DIFFERENCE ON VIEWS EXISTED ON LANDING AND PARKING FEES EXEMPTION ISSUE WITH TURKS CONSIDERING THESE FEES AS PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND U.S. CONSIDERING THEM AS COVERED BY THE EXEMPTIONS IN THE TAX RELIEF AGREEMENT OF 1954. HE ASKED IF U.S. HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR MOVING OUT OF IMPASSE. U.S. CHAIRMAN SAID HE HAD NO SOLUTIONS TO SUGGEST AND THAT ONLY POSSIBLE ACTION APPEARED TO LEAVE THIS ISSUE WITH OTHER HARD CORE UNRESOLVED ISSUES AND RETURN TO IT LATER.

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5. COMMENT: TURKISH LINKAGE OF PARKING AND LANDING FEE EXEMPTION ISSUE WITH CLAIMED ARREARS ON PARKING AND LANDING FEE PAYMENTS FOR PAST DEEP FURROW EXERCISES MAKES THIS ITEM EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE. WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE AT PRESENT TO HOLDING TO USG POSITION THAT PARKING AND LANDING FEE EXEMPTION MUST BE RETAINED IN IA.  
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